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ABSTRACT

2 A device that facilitates the placement of one or more needles and their attached
3 sutures in the body of a surgical patient is disclosed. The device contains one or more
4 needle guide channels in which one or more needles may be backloaded. The device also
5 contains one or more lumens extending though the body of the device. One or more
6 sutures may be coupled to the one or more needles, and threaded through the lumen. The
7 one or more needles may then be advanced out of their respective needle guide channels
8 by pulling on one end of one or more sutures. When one end of a suture is pulled, the
9 attached needle is advanced out of the device and will pierce and be positioned in the
10 tissue that is located adjacent to the device.

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